

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 13th April 2014**

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## **IRTS Publications**

A message from President Seamus, EI8BP

Aidan EI7JC has kindly agreed to take over as Editor of Echo Ireland. We thank Aidan for his support.

Steve EI5DD has kindly agreed to take over as Editor of EInews. Thanks also to him for his support.

The current deadline for both publications is 21st April 2014.

A publication is only as good as its contributors, so all members are invited to get those fingers typing and those cameras clicking to produce material for both publications.

Contributions for both publications and for the Radio News should go to newsteam /at/ irts.ie

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## **IRTS AGM Awards 2014**

The IRTS website has a comprehensive list of award recipients given at the 2014 AGM in Galway. Check out [www.irts.ie/awards](http://www.irts.ie/awards)

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## **Amateur Station Licence Examination**

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday, 22nd May in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at [www.irts.ie/exam](http://www.irts.ie/exam) . Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Wednesday 30th April. Three Exam Reports which were previously published in Echo Ireland are now available on the Downloads section of the website at [www.irts.ie/downloads](http://www.irts.ie/downloads) These reports contain very useful information for anyone studying for the Licence Examination

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## **North Cork Radio Group**

North Cork Radio Group are pleased to confirm our attendance once again this year for Marconi Weekend at Mizen Head Signal Station, Co Cork for April 25th to 27th, the call sign used will be EI0IMD and we look forward to working you all.

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## **EI5IMD on Brow Head for Marconi Day on 26 April**

Marconi's wireless station on Brow Head near Crookhaven in West Cork operated from 1901 to 1914, handling message traffic between ship owners and ships arriving from North America. The station was so busy that it operated around the clock with six operators working in shifts.

2014 is the 100th anniversary of the station's closure, and Cork Radio Club members are QRV from the site on Saturday, 26th April for International Marconi Day. This is an annual worldwide special event that celebrates the great man on a Saturday near his birthday, which is 25th April 1874.

EI5IMD will operate two stations on CW and SSB, and possibly a third on digi modes. We hope to get more EIs and GIs in the log this year than before, so please call. The track up to the site is steep and narrow, and parking is tight on top but anyone is welcome to visit operations on the day.

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## **IMD Hurdy Gurdy Radio Museum**

The Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Vintage Radio will be celebrating International Marconi Day on Saturday April 26th. The Museum is located in the Martello Tower overlooking Howth Harbour. On that day also, the Museum will have a display at Howth Harbour as part of the Howth Dublin Bay Prawn Festival. Everyone is welcome.

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## **Dundalk Amateur Radio Society**

The AGM of Dundalk Amateur Radio Society, EI7DAR, has been postponed until Wednesday 7th May at 2000. Everyone welcome. Please check out [ei7dar.com](http://ei7dar.com).

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## **DX News**

Two activities will take place from the Seychelles in the coming weeks. Firstly, Pascal F5JSD will be QRV as S79SD from the island of Mahe from 15 – 25 April. He will operate mainly CW on 40 – 6m. The second operation will be by Wolfgang OE1MWW also from Mahe and he will use the call S79WK from 19 – 25 April. His activity will be mainly in the evenings local time.

Michael DF8AN will be travelling in the Caribbean and will be active from three DXCC entities. Look for him as follows:- From Antigua as V26MN from 15 – 16 April From Montserrat as VP2MMN 16 – 24 April From St Kitts as V4/DF8AN 24 – 25 April From Nevis as V4/DF8AN 25 – 29 April

DXers will be familiar with the callsign 5T0JL which has been used in Mauritania by Jean ON8RA for many years. He has now got permission to use the special callsign 5T1MM during the period 15 – 22 April. In particular he will be active during the Manchester Mineira Contest on 19 – 20 April.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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